Modernisation of International Airports

17. SHRI KALRAJ MISHRA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have since reconsidered the question of modernisation of International Airports at Delhi, Mumbai, Bangalore etc., through private participation and the terms for such participation;

(b) if so, what decisions have been taken in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken and being taken for implementation thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) to (c) Delhi & Mumbai Airport: Based on the decision of the Government taken in September 2003, the International airports in Delhi and Mumbai are being restructured and modernized through the Joint Venture Route with Public Private Participation (PPP). In the Joint Venture Company (JVC), Airports Authority of India (AAI) and other Government PSUs will be holding 26% equity and balance 74% will be held by private sector partners. Government in June 2004 *inter-alia* decided that the Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the Joint Venture Companies would be capped at 49%. Accordingly, Expressions of Interest (EOI) were amended. Nine bidders have been short-listed on the basis of amended EOI. Action for issue of Request for Proposal (RFP) document is at hand.

There was no reconsideration on the terms of private participation as regards to Bangalore International Airport Limited.

Introduction of A-320 service in the Raipur sector

†18. SHRIMATI KAMLA MANHAR: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the average number of passengers per flight during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 on air routes of Raipur-Delhi-Raipur and Raipur-Mumbai-Raipur sectors;

(b) the number of passengers per year during the years from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004 in these sectors;

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) the reasons for not flying an Air Bus A-320 in place of Boeing 737 in case the traffic volume in these sectors is increasing; and

(d) whether there is any plan to press A-320 airbus into service in these routes in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL): (a) The average number of passengers per flight during the years 1998-99 and 1999-2000 on the routes Raipur-Delhi-Raipur and Raipur-Mumbai-Raipur was as follows:—

Route	Sector	Average No. of Passengers per flight	
		1998-99	1999-2000
Raipur-Delhi-Raipur	1. Raipur-Delhi	33	33
	2. Delhi-Raipur	36	34
Raipur-Mumbai-Raipur	1. Raipur-Mumbai	26	32
	2. Mumbai-Raipur	35	42

(b) The number of passengers per year on these sectors during the year 2000-01, 2001-02, 2002-03 and 2003-04 was as follows:

Sector	2000-01	2001-02	2002-03	2003-04
Raipur-Delhi	12333	14780	16514	17946
Delhi-Raipur	12327	15321	16887	18584
Raipur-Mumbai	5352	5644	5712	12577
Mumbai-Raipur	7925	8690	9518	16424

(c) and (d) Indian Airlines is already operating a daily A-320 flight on the sector Mumbai-Raipur-Bhubaneshwar-Mumbai and thrice a week A-320 flight on Delhi-Raipur-Nagpur-Delhi sector. Boeing 737 flight is being operated only on Delhi-Raipur-Delhi sector for 4 days per week.

Revenue implications of air routes given to private airlines

19. SHRI ABANI ROY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any new international connectivity will arise out of the